Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management Plan Working Group

Meeting Summary

November 7, 2013: 9:00am – 12:00pm Office of Planning, 6th Floor Conference Room 235 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI 96813

Present:

Barry Usagawa (BWS)

Bethany Morrison (HI Co. Planning)

Caroline Ishida (DOH) Deborah Solis (U.S. ACE)

Elia Herman (HIHWNMS)

Glen Fukunaga (DOH-EHS) Heather Kerkering (PacIOOS)

Hugo Selbie (NOAA CSC/MPA Ctr)

Janice Fukawa (US Navy)

Jean Tanimoto (NOAA PSC/CSC)

Jesse Souki (OP)

Jim Buika (Maui Cty Planning)

Jim Coon (MACZAC)

Jody Galinato (Kauai Cty Planning)

Justine Nihipali (OP-CZM)

Kalisi Mausio (NOAA PSC/CSC)

Leo Asuncion (OP-CZM)
Lisa Webster (OP-CZM)
Laura McIntyre (DOH)
Lynn Sumida (OP-CZM)
Maria Carnavale (PMNM)

Matthew Gonser (UH SeaGrant)

Mimi D'Iorio (NOAA CSC/MPA Ctr) Miranda Foley (OP Sub-ROP) Nathalie Morison (OP-CZM) Sarah Guiltinan (BOEM) Shannon Wood (WAA)

William Tam (DLNR-CWRM)

Welcome, Introduction, and Office of Planning (OP) Updates

Jesse Souki; OP Director welcomed the group and shared that President Obama has appointed Governor Abercrombie to the State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience. The group will be looking specifically at how to reduce barriers for climate change adaptation. Current point persons in the state will be William Aila, Jesse Souki, and Jackie Kozak-Thiel.

Mr. Souki reminded the group of the upcoming Policy Group meeting on November 27, 2013 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Board Room of the Kalanimoku Building (1151 Punchbowl Street).

Management Priority Focus Areas

Justine Nihipali reminded the group that OP has resources available for the next six months to support implementation of the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan (ORMP). A technical assistance survey was distributed to Policy Group to help identify how OP can best assist agencies

Ms. Nihipali thanked the six agencies that returned their completed surveys and encouraged other Working Group representatives to work with their Policy Group representative to complete their surveys to Miranda Foley by Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Questions may be addressed to Ms. Foley at miranda.b.smith@dbedt.hawaii.gov.

Action Team Proposals

Justine Nihipali presented the Office of Planning's proposed approach to forming an Action Team. Ms. Nihipali suggested that agencies and organizations look further at the ORMP Management Priorities' benchmarks, targets, and actions as a primary step towards implementation – specifically referencing ORMP pp 23-47 for further detail and aligning sample actions to the appropriate metric.

Ms. Nihipali also presented the agency contact worksheet that incorporated comments and suggestions from the October 3, 2013 Working Group meeting. The purpose of the proposed agency contact worksheet is (1) to assist with building Action Teams, and (2) start gathering data for the ORMP Dashboard.

Discussion and suggestions included:

- Need clarification between purpose of the agency contact worksheets and the technical survey
- Suggestion to add additional fields for contact information sections
- Lead partner agencies may need support from OP to complete worksheets and form Action Teams
- Once complete, the worksheets will be very useful on a number of levels, both for aiding action teams and for others who simply need to know who to contact about different issues.
- Regarding ORMP Dashboard, would an agency have to submit the same thing twice or could OP link into existing data?

The worksheet will be modified to include suggested edits and distributed to working group agencies and organizations.

The Pacific Regional Ocean Uses Atlas Project

Sara Guiltinan (via teleconference), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), introduced the Pacific Regional Ocean Uses Atlas Project. The Hawaii project is the third being initiated by BOEM after projects in Washington and Oregon. Ms. Guiltinan provided background information on BOEM within the Department of the Interior. The Renewable Energy Program of BOEM is interested in gathering information relevant to potential interest in developing offshore renewable energy in areas within their jurisdiction of 3-200 nautical miles offshore with the exception of National Marine Sanctuaries. This ocean uses mapping project will provide a broad scale, first cut image of existing ocean uses that will guide BOEM, regarding further study in relation to potential leasing and management for renewable uses projects. The project is being performed in collaboration with NOAA.

Mimi D'Iorio, Ocean Use Mapping Coordinator and project lead, described the concept of the project as one that utilizes people's knowledge as a resource for mapping human perception of use in the ocean. The project scope reaches from the shoreline to 200 nautical miles offshore. Participatory mapping workshops use interactive mapping technology to capture data. Mapping takes place in group workshops designed to capture broad scale use patterns from participants who are knowledgeable about a wide range of ocean uses due to consistent observation of the marine environment. Example participants include but are not limited to: Marine Industry, Fishermen, NGO Representatives, Community Leaders (Kupuna), Enforcement Agents, State

and Federal officials. The process will include community data validation steps before products are developed.

Desired outcomes from the project are: increased social, cultural and economic benefits, sustained ecosystems services, and reduced user conflicts.

- Broad-scale picture of human use in the main 8 Hawaiian Islands
- Data that can be used for federal, state and county planning efforts
- Engaged user community

Workshops are tentatively scheduled to be conducted in May 2014 with locations TBD.

Input and suggestions are welcomed from working group members including:

- consideration of in-kind partnerships
- project communication and outreach
- participant selection and initiation
- identification of venues and workshop locations
- guidance on modifying strategy to address local needs

Several working group members offered information for potential experts/contact information that may assist the project and provided input to include:

- Conducting meetings on Lanai and Molokai rather than bringing participants to Maui
- Utilizing existing resource groups as potential participants

For further information on this project please contact: Sara Guiltinan, BOEM Project Coordinator Dr. Mimi D'Iorio, NOAA Project Lead Hugo Selbie, NOAA Project Coordinator

Announcements & Other

None

Next Steps for Working Group

 Working group members are again encouraged to discuss their agencies' technical assistance needs. This is due to Miranda Foley by Wednesday, November 13, 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013, from 9:00 – 12:00pm, at the Office of Planning conference room.